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SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC & GAS COMPANY REPORT OF FUEL ADJUSTMENT ANALYSIS

SCOPE OF EXAMINATION

The Commission's Utilities Department Staff analyzed the Company's procedures and practices pertaining to its fuel operation. Staff's examination consisted of the following:

- 1) Review of the Company's monthly fuel reports including:
 - a) Power Plant Performance Data Reports
 - b) Major Unit Outage Reports
 - c) Generation Mix
 - d) Generation Statistics
 - e) Retail Comparison of MWH Sales
 - f) Retail Comparison of Fuel Costs
- 2) On-site inspections of the Company's coal quality sampling technique.
- 3) Review of the Company's currently approved Adjustment for Fuel Costs tariff.
- 4) History of Cumulative Recovery Account.
- 5) Calculation of fuel costs to be included in the base rates for May 1999 through April 2000.

REVIEW OF COMPANY'S MONTHLY FUEL REPORTS

The Company files with this Commission monthly reports that include power plant performance data, major unit outages, generation mix, and other reports that provide the Staff pertinent data on which to evaluate the Company's fuel operating expenses.

Selected information from the Power Plant Performance Data Reports for nuclear and fossil plants is shown on Exhibit No. 1. It includes a listing of capacity factors and equivalent availability factors for each unit by month for the period and also includes the yearly capacity factors (1996-1998) and the lifetime (cumulative) capacity factor of the V. C. Summer Nuclear Station. These factors are expressed as a percentage. This percentage figure can be

a useful index when attempting to locate or identify a particular problem or unusual occurrence.

Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-27-865 (Supp. 1997) certain criteria are established for review of a utility's effort to minimize fuel expenses. In evaluating a utility's fuel costs under this section, it is necessary to examine and determine whether the utility has made every reasonable effort to minimize fuel costs associated with the operation of its nuclear generation system while "giving due regard to reliability of service, economical generation mix, generating experience of comparable facilities and minimization of the total cost of providing service." The Company's nuclear generation system net capacity factor is approximately 99%.

The Company's Nuclear Unit Outage Report considers each outage experienced by unit, giving the inclusive dates of the outage, hours down, type of outage (Scheduled or Forced), the reason for the outage, and the corrective action taken. This information covers the period being considered in this proceeding and is shown in Exhibit No. 2A. Staff compiled this data through review of Company documents, NRC documents, and interviews with Company personnel. The Company's Nuclear Units performed very well during the period March 1998 through February 1999. The Company's nuclear system incurred no forced outages during this test period. The Staff's Fossil Unit Outage Report is a listing of plants by unit, duration of outage (greater than 100 hours), reason for down time, and corrective action taken to return the plant to service. The information specifically reviewed for this proceeding is for the months of March 1998 through February 1999 and is included in Exhibit No. 2B. These Units' Availability Factors were in the 95 plus percentile for the greater portion of this period.

Staff reviewed and compiled a percentage Generation Mix statistic sheet for the Company's fossil, nuclear and hydraulic plants for March 1998 through February 1999. The fossil generation ranged from a high of 76% to a low 62%. The nuclear generation ranged from a high of 32% to a low of 20%. The percentage of generation by hydro ranged from a high of 7% to a low of 3%. This information is included in Exhibit No. 3. The Staff also collected and reviewed certain Generation Statistics of Major Plants for the 12 months ending February 28, 1999. This data is presented on Exhibit No. 4. This Exhibit shows the Company's major plants by name, type of fuel used, fuel cost in cents per kilowatt-hour to operate and total megawatt-hours generated for the period. The nuclear fueled Summer Plant was lowest in cost at 0.48 cents per kilowatt-hour. The highest amount of generation of 5,532,580 megawatt-hours was produced at the V. C. Summer Nuclear Station.

Utilities Department Exhibit No. 5 shows a comparison of the Company's original retail megawatt-hour (MWH) estimated sales to the actual sales for the period from March 1998 through February 1999. The original projections ranged from an under-estimate of 14.5% in July 1998 to an over-estimate of 25.2% in February1999 with a total under-estimate of 0.5% for the period.

of its production facilities to assure the lowest fuel costs possible. Also, the Commission has directed the Staff to monitor the Company's plant operations and fuel purchasing to insure that any inefficient or negligent practice is brought to the Commission's attention.

Exhibit No. 10 is a table of Projections of the Cumulative Recovery Account for various fuel base levels for the twelve month period ending April 2000. Also indicated in the table are the projected results using the current fuel factor base component and the Company's proposed factor of 1.337 cents/KWH.

SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC & GAS COMPANY POWER PLANT PERFORMANCE DATA REPORT CAPACITY FACTORS (PERCENTAGE)

FEB 1999	0.0	0.0	72.7	16.7	31.2	85.0	61.2	80.2	72.2	58.7	100.4	77.9
JAN 1999	0.0	40.5 84.6	71.5	62.2	51.6	68.2	66.2	74.0	69.7	61.4	99.5	79.8
DEC 1998	8.1	50.4 92.0	84.9 71.3	77.1	9.92	86.7	56.9	26.1	83.2	58.0	97.3	75.7
NOV 1998	70.3 64.8	75.5 91.7	40.4 29.6	28.0	33.7	26.8	82.9	0.0	70.9	47.0	100.2	2.79
OCT 1998	61.8 58.3	16.7 49.0	0.0	76.6	61.5	76.1	91.6	0.0	93.7	53.2	266	72.6
SEP 1998	59.7 58.1	46.8 93.6	49.9 72.1	74.4	82.0	91.1	78.9	72.6	87.6	75.5	99.3	63.7
AUG 1998	57.2 55.0	76.8 96.7	90.9	78.7	77.9	92.3	91.0	86.1	88.0	84.2	94.2	95.8
JUL 1998	66.0 65.0	78.3 96.8	92.4 71.2	77.4	86.1	73.8	87.7	92.0	92.9	84.6	94.6	96.3
JUN 1998	72.3	63.4 90.7	87.0 72.4	71.8	76.5	89.1	90.2	86.8	88.8	83.3	99.5	96.7
MAY 1998	41.4	5.7 84.3	91.0 53.6	41.0	32.1	91.9	48.9	84.7	81.9	65.5	9.66	82.4
APR 1998	6.8 53.3	80.2 94.6	65.1 59.9	62.4	6.0	45.9	0.0	56.3	67.1	48.6	99.8	68.9
MAR 1998	38.0 51.3	42.6 53.4	69.2 30.8	. 42.3	0.0	83.9	0.0	86.3	63.8	55.2	99.3	74.0
YEAR 1998	47.4	45.7 85.0	69.9 54.0	59.3	44.8	76.3	59.2	63.1	80.2	64.5	97.1	78.6
YEAR 1997	29.6 18.0	38.5 67.3	69.8 41.9	51.0	4.0	53.3	72.1	88.0	68.9	62.6	86.7	76.2
YEAR 1996	38.3 35.4	29.1 59.7	75.2 39.0	39.8	59.6	68.6	66.1	81.7	62.9	62.2	85.8	76.0
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PLANTS NAME	CANADYS CANADYS	CANADYS McMEEKIN	McMEEKIN URQUHART	URQUHART	URQUHART	WATEREE	WATEREE	WILLIAMS	COPE	FOSSIL TOTALS	V. C. SUMMER* (S.C.E.G.) (S.C.P.S.A.)	SYSTEM TOTAL

*THE LIFETIME CAPACITY FACTOR FOR V. C. SUMMER THROUGH FEBRUARY 1999 IS 76.4%

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SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC & GAS COMPANY POWER PLANT PERFORMANCE DATA REPORT AVAILABILITY FACTORS (PERCENTAGE)

FEB 1999	26.0 26.0 0.0 100.0 88.0 29.3 100.0 96.6 100.0	77.6	100.0	79.4
JAN 1999	81.8 81.8 97.7 100.0 89.5 94.6 99.0 99.0 97.3	93.9	100.0	94.4
DEC 1998	12.8 12.8 89.9 100.0 95.7 97.3 100.0 69.1	76.6	100.0	78.4
NOV 1998	100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 57.9 77.6 63.1 77.6 34.6 32.5 0.0	73.7	100.0	75.7
OCT 1998	97.0 95.5 59.7 52.9 0.0 90.8 92.2 71.4 90.1	70.8	100.0	73.0
SEP 1998	100.0 96.9 62.9 100.0 57.1 89.8 99.4 100.0 87.9 87.9 87.9	89.4	100.0	90.2
AUG 1998	86.2 87.7 100.0 100.0 97.1 95.6 100.0 99.6 93.9	96.2	100.0	96.5
JUL 1998	92.2 99.8 100.0 100.0 96.5 90.2 98.5 95.5 95.5	95.3	100.0	95.6
JUN 1998	100.0 97.0 96.0 98.3 100.0 95.9 96.7 100.0	98.6	100.0	7.86
MAY 1998	94.5 80.2 13.1 100.0 100.0 57.9 100.0 100.0	7.77	100.0	79.4
APR 1998	17.5 94.3 99.8 100.0 100.0 97.0 2.7 56.5 0.0 67.8 87.6	67.1	100.0	9.69
MAR 1998	100.0 98.0 98.0 63.3 80.4 100.0 97.5 0.0 100.0 86.8	77.1	100.0	78.9
	125 125 126 126 126 100 350 350 408	2600	945 630 315	3230
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PLANTS NAME	CANADYS CANADYS CANADYS CANADYS MCMEEKIN URQUHART URQUHART URQUHART WATEREE WATEREE WILLIAMS COPE	FOSSIL TOTALS	V. C. SUMMER* (S.C.E.G.) (S.C.P.S.A.)	SYSTEM TOTAL

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SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC & GAS COMPANY V. C. SUMMER NUCLEAR UNIT OUTAGE REPORT March 1, 1998 – February 28,1999

NO. DATE OFF DATE ON HOURS/TYPE*

REASON FOR OUTAGE AND CORRECTIVE ACTION

WERE SEVERAL POWER REDUCTIONS TO PERFORM REQUIRED TESTING AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE ASSOCIATED WITH EMERGING WORK AND REPAIR ACTIVITIES. THE V.C. SUMMER NUCLEAR UNIT HAD NO SCHEDULED OR FORCED OUTAGES DURING THIS PERIOD. HOWEVER THERE

TYPE* F. Forced S- Scheduled

SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC & GAS COMPANY FOSSIL UNIT OUTAGE REPORT (100 HRS OR GREATER DURATION) March 1, 1998 – February 28, 1999

MONTH JUN 98	<u>UNIT</u> Canadys 3	HRS/TYPE* 123.02/S	REASON FOR OUTAGE AND CORRECTIVE ACTION Economic Dispatch.
30L 98	None		
AUG 98	None		
SEP 98	Canadys 3	170.37/S	Planned maintenance was performed.
	McMeekin 2	308.90/S	Unit was taken off line to install low Nox burners.
	Williams	144.05/S	Unit was taken off line for scheduled routine maintenance.
OCT 98	Canadys 3	300.00/F	The unit forced off line due to problems with #3 cooling tower.
		302.50/S	Economic Dispatch.
	Urquhart 3	194.25/S	The unit came off line for a planned outage to perform routine maintenance.
	McMeekin 1	350.67/S	Replaced the circulating water line valve and #5Abelt feeder.
	McMeekin 2	745.00/S	The unit came off line for a planned outage to install Low Nox Burners.
	Williams	745.00/S	Scheduled and routine maintenance.

TYPE* F-Forced S-Scheduled

SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC & GAS COMPANY FOSSIL UNIT OUTAGE REPORT (100 HRS OR GREATER DURATION) March 1, 1998 – February 28, 1999

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HRS/TYPE* 161.00/S 272.83/S 232.00/S	188.73/S 161.00/S 247.65/S	303.05/S 376.53/S 720.00/S	135.20/S	648.72/S	648.50/S	111.75/S	229.97/S	274.85/S	137.77/S	135.50/S	608.50/S	135.50/S	608.50/S	225.88/S	230.60/S
UNIT Urquhart 1 Urquhart 2	Urquhart 3	McMeekin 2 Wateree 1 Williams	Cope	Canadys 1	Canadys 2	Canadys 3	Wateree 2	Williams		Canadys 1		Canadys 2		Canadys 3	Urquhart 3
MONTH NOV 98	· .			DEC 98						JAN 99					

TYPE*F-Forced S-Scheduled

SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC & GAS COMPANY FOSSIL UNIT OUTAGE REPORT (100 HRS OR GREATER DURATION)

March 1, 1998 - February 28, 1999

MONTH	UNIT	HRS/TYPE*	REASON FOR OUTAGE AND CORRECTIVE ACTION
FEB 99	Canadys 1	672.00/S	Economic Dispatch.
-	Canadys 2	175.00/S	Economic Dispatch.
		497.00/S	The unit came off line for scheduled routine maintenance.
	Canadys 3	672.00/S	The unit came off line for scheduled routine maintenance.
	Urquhart 1	448.00/S	The unit came off line for scheduled routine maintenance.
	Urquhart 2	490.75/S	Economic Dispatch.
	Urquhart 3	273.07/S	Economic Dispatch.

TYPE* F-Forced S-Scheduled

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GENERATION MIX

MARCH 1, 1998 - FEBRUARY 28, 1999

MONTH	PERCENTAGE					
	<u>FOSSIL</u>	NUCLEAR	<u>HYDRO</u>			
March-98	65	29	6			
April-98	62	31	7			
May-98	68	25	7			
June-98	74	21	5			
July-98	76	20	4			
August-98	75	20	. 5			
September-98	· 72 ·	23	5			
October-98	65	30	5			
November-98	63	32	5			
December-98	68	28	4			
January-99	70	27	3			
February-99	68	28 .	4			

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GENERATION STATISTICS OF MAJOR PLANTS

MARCH 1, 1998 - FEBRUARY 28, 1999

PLANT	TYPE FUEL	AVERAGE FUEL COST (CENTS/KWH*)	GENERATION (MWH)
Summer	Nuclear	0.48	5,532,580
McMeekin	Coal - Gas	1.39	1,682,481
Wateree	Coal	1.40	4,279,711
Cope	Coal - Gas	1.41	2,872,812
Williams	Coal .	1.60	3,064,575
Urquhart	Coai - Gas	1.66	1,212,175
Canadys	Coal - Gas	1.69	1,638,501

^(*) The average fuel costs for coal-fired plants include oil cost for start-up and flame stabilization.

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SOUTH CAROLINA RETAIL COMPARISON OF ESTIMATED TO ACTUAL ENERGY SALES SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC & GAS COMPANY

TOTAL	1,388,000 1,317,000 1,327,000 1,522,000 1,685,000 1,751,000 1,702,000 1,426,000 1,361,000 1,471,000 1,610,000 1,561,000 18,121,000	1,334,927 1,273,285 1,302,474 1,685,504 1,970,534 1,884,773 1,830,570 1,514,775 1,312,799 1,272,281 1,591,742 1,246,326 18,219,990	. 066'86-	-0.5%
EEB	1,561,000	1,246,326	314,674	25.2%
1999 JAN	1,610,000	1,591,742	18,258	1.1%
DEC	1,471,000	1,272,281	198,719	15.6%
NOV	1,361,000	1,312,799	48,201	3.7%
130	1,426,000	1,514,775	-88,775	.5.9%
SEP	1,702,000	1,830,570	-128,570	-7.0%
AUG	1,751,000	1,884,773	-285,534 -133,773 -128,570	-7.1%
Ħ	1,685,000	1,970,534	-285,534	14.5%
NU.	1,522,000	1,685,504	-163,504	-9.7%
MAX	1,327,000	1,302,474	24,526	1.9%
APR	1,317,000	1,273,285	43,715	3.4%
1998 MAB	1,388,000	1,334,927	53,073	4.0%
	[1] ESTIMATED SALES [MWH]	[2] ACTUAL SALES [MWH]	[3] AMOUNT DIFFERENCE [1]-[2]	[4] PERCENT DIFFERENCE [3]/[2]
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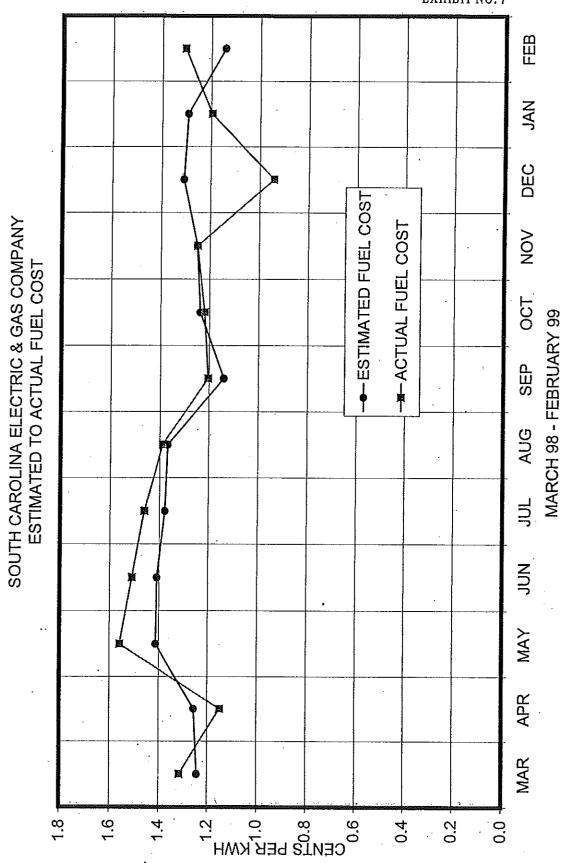
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	S	OUTH CA	SOUTH CAROLINA RETAIL COMPARISON OF ESTIMATED TO ACTUAL FUEL COST	RETAIL (COMPAR	SON OF	ESTIM	TED TO	ACTUAL	. FUEL C	OST	
	1998 MAR	APR	MAX	NAT	TAT	AUG	SEP	IOO	NOX	DEC	1999 JAN	EEB
[1] ORIGINAL PROJECTION	1.2424	1.2554	1.4127	1.4086	1.3771	1.3665	1.1403	1.2373	1.2512	1.3091	1.2929	1.1425
[2] ACTUAL L EXPERIENCE G	1.3144	1.1495	1.5580	1.5086	1.4606	1.3887	1.2043	1.2199	1.2501	0.9429	1.1963	1.3061
[3] AMOUNT IN BASE	1.2850	1.2850	1.2850	1.2850	1.2850	1.2850	1.2850	1.2850	1.2850	1.2850	1.2850	1.2850
[4] VARIANCE FROM ACTUAL [1-2][2]	-5.5%	9.2%	-9.3%	-6.6%	-5.7%	-1.6%	-5.3%	1.4%	0.1%	38.8%	8.1%	-12.5%

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SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC & GAS COMPANY ADJUSTMENT FOR FUEL COSTS

APPLICABILITY

This adjustment is applicable to and is a part of the Utility's South Carolina retail electric rate schedules.

The Public Service Commission has determined that the costs of fuel in an amount to the nearest one—thousandths of a cent, as determined by the following formula, will be included in the base rates to the extent determined reasonable and proper by the Commission:

 $F = \frac{E}{S} + \frac{G}{S_1}$

Where:

F = Fuel cost per kilowatt-hour included in base rate, rounded to the nearest one-thousandth of a cent.

E = Total projected system fuel costs:

(A) Fuel consumed in the Utility's own plants and the Utility's share of fuel consumed in jointly owned or leased plants. The cost of fossil fuel shall include no items other than those listed in Account 151 of the Commission's Uniform System of Accounts for Public Utilities and Licensees. The cost of nuclear fuel shall be that as shown in Account 518 excluding rental payments on leased nuclear fuel and except that, if Account 518 also contains any expense for fossil fuel which has already been included in the cost of fossil fuel, it shall be deducted from this account.

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(B) Purchased power fuel costs such as those incurred in unit power and Limited Term power purchases where the fossil fuel costs associated with energy purchased are identifiable and are identified in the billing statement.

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(C) Interchange power fuel costs such as Short Term, Economy and other where the energy is purchased on an economic dispatch basis.

Energy receipts that do not involve money payments such as diversity energy and payback of storage energy are not defined as purchased or interchange power relative to this fuel calculation.

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(D) The cost of fossil fuel recovered through intersystem sales including the fuel costs related to economy energy sales and other energy sold on an economic dispatch basis.

Energy deliveries that do not involve billing transactions such as diversity energy and payback of storage energy are not defined as sales relative to this fuel calculation.

- S = Projected system kilowatt-hour sales excluding any intersystem sales.
- G = Cumulative difference between jurisdictional fuel revenues billed and fuel expenses at the end of the month preceding the projected period utilized in E and S.
- S₁ = Projected jurisdictional kilowatt-hour sales, for the period covered by the fuel costs included in E.

The appropriate revenue related tax factor is to be included in these calculations.

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HISTORY OF CUMULATIVE RECOVERY ACCOUNT

PERIOD ENDING	OVER (UNDER) \$
January 1979 – Automatic Fuel Adjustment in Effe	et
July 1979	4,427,600
April 1980	7,608,796
October 1980	(462,050)
April 1981	2,188,451
October 1981	(10,213,138)
April 1982	5,164,628
October 1982	9,937,268
April 1983	9,767,185
October 1983	(4,527,441)
April 1984	(2,646,395)
October 1984	(3,211,158)
April 1985	(9,545,054)
October 1985	(6,115,435)
April 1986	2,474,301
October 1986	(540,455)
April 1987	(353,393)
October 1987	(3,163,517)
April 1988	9,247,139
October 1988	2,717,342
April 1989	(5,665,737)
October 1989	(8,777,726)
April 1990	(5,288,612)
October 1990	6,536,591
April 1991	7,180,922
October 1991	4,160,275
April 1992	15,835,472
October 1992	15,449,670
April 1993	16,006,551
October 1993	10,069,457
April 1994	2,646,301
October 1994	(265,302)
April 1995	6,622,597
October 1995	4,202,766
February 1997	4,914,169
February 1998	596,797
February 1999	(1,303,094)

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PROJECTIONS OF THE CUMULATIVE RECOVERY ACCOUNT FOR THE TWELVE MONTH PERIOD ENDING APRIL 2000

	FUEL BASE	PROJECTED CUMULATIVE OVER/(UNDER) RECOVERY (\$)
	1.200	(26,148,414)
	1.225	(21,389,664)
•	1.250	(16,630,914)
	1.275	(11,872,164)
CURRENTLY APPROVED	1.285	(9,968,664)
•	1.292	(8,636,214)
	1.303	(6,542,364)
	1.304	(6,352,014)
	1.325	(2,354,664)
COMPÁNY PROPOSED ZERO UNDER	1.337	(70,464)
·· ZERO OVER	1.338	119,886
	1.350	2,404,086
	1.375	7,162,836
	1.400	11,921,586